

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for performing speaker verification based on speaker independent recognition of commands, the method comprising:

- 5 receiving an utterance from a speaker;
 identifying a command associated with the utterance by performing speaker independent recognition (SIR);
 eliminating a prompt for a password if a speaker verification template associated with the identified
10 command includes adequate verification data; and
 verifying the speaker identity by comparing the utterance with the speaker verification template associated with the identified command.

- 15 2. The method of Claim 1, further comprising recording speaker dependent voice patterns associated with the utterance to create the speaker verification template.

- 20 3. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
 recording speaker dependent voice patterns associated with the utterance to create the speaker verification template; and
 executing the identified command if the utterance
25 matches the speaker verification template.

4. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
 prompting the speaker to enter a password if the utterance does not match the speaker verification
30 template; and
 verifying the speaker identity based on the password.

5. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

prompting the speaker to enter a password if the utterance does not match the speaker verification template;

5 verifying the speaker identity based on the password;

recording speaker dependent voice patterns associated with the utterance to create the speaker verification template; and

10 executing the identified command.

6. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

prompting the speaker for a password if the speaker verification template associated with the identified
15 command does not comprise adequate verification data; and

verifying the speaker identity based on the password.

7. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

20 prompting the speaker for a password if the speaker verification template associated with the identified command does not comprise adequate verification data;

verifying the speaker identity based on the password;

25 recording speaker dependent voice patterns associated with the utterance to create the speaker verification template; and

repeating the prompting, verifying and recording steps until the speaker verification template associated
30 with the identified command comprises adequate verification data.

8. A speaker verification unit, comprising:

a network interface operable to couple to a communication network;

a database coupled to the network interface, the
5 database comprising a plurality of speaker verification templates associated with a plurality of commands; and

a processing module coupled to the network interface, the processing module operable to:

receive a command from a speaker;

10 identify the command by performing speaker independent recognition (SIR);

eliminate a prompt for a password if a speaker verification template associated with the identified command includes adequate verification data; and

15 verify a speaker identity by comparing the identified command with the speaker verification template associated with the identified command.

9. The speaker verification unit of Claim 8,
20 wherein the processing module is further operable to:

record speaker dependant voice patterns associated with the identified command; and

store the speaker dependent voice patterns in the database to create the speaker verification template
25 associated with the identified command.

10. The speaker verification unit of Claim 8, further comprising a service interface operable to couple to a server comprising a plurality of services associated
30 with the commands.

11. The speaker verification unit of Claim 10,
wherein the processing module is further operable to:

record speaker dependent voice patterns associated with the identified command;

5 store the speaker dependent voice patterns in the
database to create the speaker verification template
associated with the identified command; and

access a service associated with the identified command from the server.

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12. The speaker verification unit of Claim 8,
wherein:

the database further comprises a password associated with the speaker; and

15 the processing module is further operable to:

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        prompt the speaker to enter the password if the
identified command does not match the speaker
verification template;

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compare the entered password with the password
20 stored in the database; and

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        verify the speaker identity if the entered
password matches the password stored in the database.

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13. The speaker verification unit of Claim 8,
wherein:

the database further comprises a password associated
with the speaker; and

5 the processing module is further operable to:

prompt the speaker to enter the password if the
identified command does not match the speaker
verification template;

compare the entered password with the password
10 stored in the database;

verify the speaker identity if the entered
password matches the password stored in the database;

record speaker dependent voice patterns
associated with the identified command; and

15 store the speaker dependent voice patterns in
the database to create the speaker verification template
associated with the identified command.

14. The speaker verification unit of Claim 8,
20 wherein:

the database further comprises a password associated
with the speaker; and

the processing module is further operable to:

prompt the speaker to enter the password if the
25 speaker verification template does not comprise adequate
verification data;

compare the entered password with the password
stored in the database; and

30 verify the speaker identity if the entered
password matches the password stored in the database.

17. Logic encoded in media for performing speaker verification based on speaker independent recognition of commands and operable to perform the following steps:

- receiving an utterance from a speaker;
- 5 identifying a command associated with the utterance by performing speaker independent recognition (SIR);
- eliminating a prompt for a password if a speaker verification template associated with the identified command includes adequate verification data; and
- 10 verifying the speaker identity by comparing the utterance with the speaker verification template associated with the identified command.

18. The logic encoded in media of Claim 17, further comprising:

- recording speaker dependent voice patterns associated with the utterance to create the speaker verification template; and
- executing the identified command if the utterance
- 20 matches the speaker verification template.

19. The logic encoded in media of Claim 17, further comprising:

prompting the speaker to enter a password if the utterance does not match the speaker verification
5 template;

verifying the speaker identity based on the password;

recording speaker dependent voice patterns associated with the utterance to create the speaker
10 verification template; and

executing the identified command.

20. The logic encoded in media of Claim 17, further comprising:

15 prompting the speaker for a password if the speaker verification template associated with the identified command does not comprise adequate verification data;

verifying the speaker identity based on the password;

20 recording speaker dependent voice patterns associated with the utterance to create the speaker verification template; and

repeating the prompting, verifying and recording steps until the speaker verification template associated
25 with the identified command comprises adequate verification data.

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Questions are asked about the possibility of a "new deal" between the two sides.

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23. The apparatus of Claim 21, further comprising:
means for prompting the speaker for a password if
the speaker verification template associated with the
identified command does not comprise adequate
5 verification data;
means for verifying the speaker identity based on
the password;
means for recording speaker dependent voice patterns
associated with the utterance to create the speaker
10 verification template; and
means for repeating the prompting, verifying and
recording steps until the speaker verification template
associated with the identified command comprises adequate
verification data.